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1. SUMMARY: PRESS COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR SMITH'S VISIT BEGAN BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL WITH REFLECTIONS OF GOB DISTRUST OF PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, AND DESPITE POSITIVE STATEMENTS BY GOB SPOKESMAN DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT AND AFTER ITS CONCLUSION, THIS INITIAL PRESS POSTURE WAS NEVER COMPLETELY OVERCOME. LINGERING RESENTMENT OVER THE CONCEPT OF US INTERNAL LEGISLATION AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS CONTINUED TO BE EXPRESSED. END SUMMARY.

2. COVERAGE OF THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SMITH BEGAC DURING THE PRECEDING WEEKEND, WITH VARIOUS STORIES REPEATING THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE VISIT WAS INTENDED SOLELY TO
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EXPLAIN THE TERMS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION ACT. HOWEVER, MOST STORIES HAD AN UNDERLYING DOUBTING TONE, AS FOR EXAMPLE THE ESTADO DE SAO PAULO'S 11 JUNE UNSOURCED REPORT THAT QUOTE THERE ARE DOUBTS WITHIN THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AS TO THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE VISIT. END QUOTE. THE ESTADO ADDED THAT QUOTE THE DISTRUST OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS BASED ON THE PRESSURES APPLIED..DURING THE VISIT OF UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE WARREN

CHRISTOPHER..WHICH WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS CHILLING BRAZILIAN-US RELATIONS. END QUOTE. THE STORY ALSO REPORTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN

MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT GEISEL NOT TO ACCEPT ANY REQUIREMENT TO RENEGOTIATE THE EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION OR TO ACCEPT ANY DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS QUOTE NEW PRESSURES. END QUOTE.

3. THE PRESS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A NEGATIVE TONE IN ITS 13 JUNE COVERAGE OF THE FIRST DAY OF MEETINGS, WITH BOTH THE ESTADO AND THE JORNAL DO BRASIL HEADLINING AS QUOTE DENIALS END QUOTE THE STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN LAMPREIA THAT NO USG PRESSURES HAD BEEN APPLIED DURING THE DAY'S MEETINGS. BOTH PAPERS REPORTED THAT THE LIMITATION OF THE VISIT TO AN EXPLANATION OF THE NEW US LAW APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT SO HIGH AN OFFICIAL WOULD VISIT FOR SUCH A LIMITED PURPOSE. THE JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTED LAMPREIA'S DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION AS A QUOTE PERFECT JURIDICAL INSTRUMENT, END QUOTE AND SAID THAT THE GOB'S ATTITUDE WAS THAT THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WAS QUOTE UNTOUCHABLE. END QUOTE. BOTH PAPERS COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON THE LACK OF INFORMATION FOR THE PRESS.

4. ON 14 JUNE, THE NEWS MEDIA REPORTED THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT AND THE ISSUE OF THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT (REFTEL). THE JORNAL DO BRASIL HEADLINED QUOTE TALKS WITH SMITH DO NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUARANTEE FUTURE URANIUM SHIPMENTS FOR ANGRA-1 END QUOTE. AND WENT ON TO REPORT THAT LAMPREIA HAD BEEN QUOTE UNABLE TO DENY END QUOTE THE NEWSPAPER'S INTERPRETATION, ALTHOUGH LAMPREIA HAD INSISTED THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH HAD AT NO POINT LEFT THE GOB WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE USG WAS CONTEMPLATING A FUEL BOYCOTT OF BRAZIL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POLICY OBJECTIVES. THE ESTADO WAS MORE NEUTRAL IN ITS TREATMENT OF THE CLOSING DAY, EMPHASIZING STATEMENTS BY LAMPREIA THAT THE EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONTINUED IN EFFECT AND THAT BRAZIL HAD ACCEPTED, IN ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE FRG, THE QUOTE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PACKAGE OF SAFEGUARDS ACCEPTED BY ANY NATION, END QUOTE AND FAVORED THEIR ADOPTION BY OTHER NATIONS AS WELL.

5. THE ESTADO ALSO REPORTED ON THE TRIP ON 15 JUNE, WITH THE HEADLINE QUOTE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS UNDERSTANDING WITH SMITH TO BE POSITIVE END QUOTE AND A STORY WHICH NONETHELESS ATTEMPTED TO PICK APART THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT IN SEARCH OF HIDDEN DIFFERENCES. THE FOLHA DDE SAO PAULO ALSO EDITORIALIZED ON 15 JUNE THAT THE APPLICATION OF INTERNAL US LEGISLATION TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WAS A CASE OF QUOTE IMPERIAL END QUOTE BEHAVIOR BY THE USG, QUOTE BECAUSE ONLY IMPERIAL POWERS

TAKE UPON THEMSELVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY INTERNATIONAL UNDER-
STANDINGS WITH INTERNAL LEGISLATION. SUCH IMPERIAL BEHAVIOR
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC INTRODUCES A COEFICIENT OF
UNCERTAINTY INTO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WHICH IS NOT CONDUCTIVE
TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER. END
QUOTE. SAYRE

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